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# Land Grant Application- Jones, Benjamin (New York)

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X Copy of a Deed to  
Ezekiel Jones a Soldier  
Lot No 24 in Township  
No 2 J. R. in Penobscot  
County west of the  
Merrimack

Executed 16 Jan 1873  
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**Know all Men by these Presents, THAT**

I whose name is undersigned & seal hereunto affixed  
appointed an AGENT by the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to make  
and execute conveyances, agreeably to resolves of said Court passed *the seventeenth*  
*day of June eighteen hundred and twenty* and pursuant to  
resolves of said Court passed *the fourth day of March eighteen*  
*hundred and twenty eight, eighteenth day of*  
*February eighteen hundred and twenty nine,*  
*and eighteenth day of February eighteen*  
*hundred and thirty one.*

do give, grant, convey and confirm, and by these presents, in behalf of said Commonwealth,  
have given, granted, conveyed and confirmed unto *Ezekiel Jones formerly a*  
*private in the Third Massachusetts Regiment*  
*commanded by Colonel Grant*

who enlisted as a Soldier into the American Army to serve during the revolutionary War  
with Great Britain, and who was returned as a part of the Massachusetts quota of said  
Army, and who did actually serve in said Army the full term of three years, and was hon-  
orably discharged, and to his heirs and assigns, all the right, title, and interest of said  
Commonwealth, in and unto a lot of land numbered *Seventy four, or the*  
*southerly part thereof* situate and lying in a township, in the County  
of *Somerset* in the State of Maine, *numbered two in the*  
*seventh range of townships west of the east*  
*line of said State*

said lot contains two hundred acres, bounded *On the east by lot number*  
*twelve, there measuring One hundred & sixty rods,*  
*On the south by lot number twenty three, On the*  
*west by lot number thirty six there measuring one*  
*hundred and sixty rods, and on the north two hundred*  
*rods by an imaginary line cutting off the northerly part of some lot*  
according to a plan of the survey of said township made by *Joseph I. Nelson*  
*in the Autumn of the year* eighteen hundred and *twenty*  
*nine* and will more fully appear on reference being had to said plan now on file in  
the Land Office.

**To Have and to Hold** the aforegranted premises to the *said*  
*Ezekiel Jones* his heirs and assigns, to their use  
and behoof forever. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my  
seal this *sixteenth* day of *January* in the year of our Lord eighteen  
hundred and *thirty three*

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }  
in presence of }

*John G. Loring*  
*Esq.*

*Geo. W. Coffin Esq.*

*Sub. H. H. ss 16 Jan 1833* Then the above named  
*Geo. W. Coffin Esq.* appeared personally before me, and acknowledged  
the foregoing instrument by him subscribed, to be his free act and deed in his said capacity.

*Edward D. Briggs* Justice of the Peace.

Boston 16 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1893 Received of George  
W. Coffin Land Agent of the Comm<sup>rs</sup> of  
Massachusetts a Sum of two hundred  
dolls of Sum for Ezekiel Jones  
Abra. T. Lowe

Ezekiel Jones  
Boston  
Mass

1894

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State of New York  
Washington County

Know all men by these Presents, that I,  
Ezekiel Jones, of the town of Whitehall, County  
of Washington and State of New York, a Revolutionary Soldier, in  
the Regiment of Colonel Greason, of the Massachu-  
setts Troops. Do hereby appoint Doctor Abram T.  
Cove of Boston Massachusetts, my Attorney and  
give him full power and authority to select and  
locate the lot piece or parcel of Land to which  
I am entitled by virtue of any Act of the Le-  
gislatre of Massachusetts, and in compensa-  
tion for revolutionary service & to receive  
a Deed, or Conveyance of said Land in  
My Name & for me.

Witness my hand & seal this seventh day of  
January in the year of our Lord a d 1783.  
Said Eight Hundred and Thirty Three -

In presence of  
Joh. Clarkson Smith,

Ezekiel Jones

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WHITENALL  
DEC 19 NY

George W. Coffin Esquire,

Land Agent.

Boston.

Massachusetts.

answer enclosed -

Wm. D. Smith  
Methuen 18 Dec 1832

"By his Excellency  
George Washington Esqr.  
General and Commander in Chief of the forces of the United States  
of America - These are to Certify that the bearer hereof Ezekiel  
Jones Corporal in the 3<sup>d</sup> Massachusetts Regiment having faithfully  
served the United States Six Years and five Months and being  
Enlisted for the War only is hereby discharged from the Amer-  
ican Army - Given at head Quarters the 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
June 1783  
By his Excellency's  
Command

"Washington"

"I Transcribe for Certy,

Registered in the Books of the Regiment

"H. Savage Adjutant -

"The above Ezekiel Jones Corporal has been honoured with  
the badge of Merit for Six Years faithful service  
Samuel Miller Lt Col Comd?"

On the Original Discharge of which the above is a Copy is the  
following indorsement To wit -

"Head Quarters June 8<sup>th</sup> 1783"

"The within Certificate shall not avail the bearer as a discharge  
until the ratification of the definitive Treaty of Peace previous  
to which time and until proclamation thereof shall be made he  
is to be considered as being on furlough  
George Washington"

State of New York

Washington County

William W. Parker of Whitman in said County being  
duly sworn deposes and saith that he is well acquainted with  
Ezekiel Jones of Whitman in the County aforesaid and has been  
so acquainted with him for the last thirteen years, that in  
the year 1818 the said Jones applied through the agency of  
this Deponent to the United States for a Pension and at that  
time produced to this Deponent an Original discharge  
of which the foregoing is a Copy, that this Deponent then  
forwarded the Original Discharge aforesaid together  
with the said Jones' Declaration to the Secretary of  
War of the United States <sup>States</sup> who procured for him a Pension of Eight  
Dollars per Month for Revolutionary services and that  
said Ezekiel Jones is still a Pensioner of the United States  
Whitman saith not -  
Subscribed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832  
Before me J. Mayd Commissioner in

M. A. D. R.

Whitehall 18. Decr. 1831.

To Geo. W. Coffin Esq. Land agent &c.  
Sir,

I herein transmit to You the best evidence.  
Mr. Jones has, or Can procure <sup>here</sup> his having  
received an honorable Discharge, of  
which you informed me in Yours,  
was necessary in order to his receiving  
a deed. The Original is now on file  
in the Office of the Secretary of War.  
If necessary, a certified copy of the  
said discharge can be procured; but  
I presume the enclosed will be deemed  
sufficient. I wish You to file the evi-  
dence, if it is satisfactory, & informing  
me by letter; also, if You will be  
so good, write me whether Any  
Agent, now resides upon the said  
Appropriated Land, to whom  
the business of locating might be  
properly referred, or if any other  
person is known to You who might  
be trusted to make a judicious  
location.

I may be asking of You  
Sir, more than properly belongs to  
Your official duties, but I trust  
nothing incompatible with them.  
My only apology must be the ne-  
cessity of the Case & a desire to  
serve a survivor of the Revo-  
lution.

Yours very Respectfully  
Jos. R. Smith